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1. THE PROCESS OF STRUCTURING AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM OF
M-DIATORS VIS-A-VIS THE NICARAGUAN SITUATION CONTINUES
ALTHOUGH IN A SOMEWHAT REVISED FASHION. COLOMBIAN
PRESIDENT TURBAY AND VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ HAVE
SIGNED A JOINT LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY REPORTEDLY DENOUNCING SOMOZA FOR VIOLATION OF

HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. PRESIDENT SOMOZA HAS INFORMED OAS SECRETARY GENERAL ORFILA THAT COLOMBIA IS THEREFORE NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE TO NICARAGUA AS ONE OF THE MEDIATORS. WE RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDE THAT COLOMBIAN PARTICIPATION UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES CANNOT BE SOLD.

3. DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS FOR THE MEDIATING STRUCTURE, SUCH AS IDENTIFYING OTHER

DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES TO MEDIATE. WE WILL KEEP POSTS INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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